



# TOOGOOLAWAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Welcome to Senior Secondary

Dear Year 9 Students

We would like to congratulate you on your completion of Junior Secondary and welcome you to Senior Secondary at Toogoolawah SHS. As a Senior Secondary student, it is expected that you will continue to model the values of Toogoolawah SHS to the Junior Secondary students by ensuring you are Respectful, Responsible and that you Commit to your Achievement. Part of your commitment is being organised; take the time to create a study plan, meet all due dates, and seek feedback from your teachers.

Year 10 is the final year of compulsory schooling in Queensland and the focus will be on consolidating the learning you have done in Junior Secondary to ensure that you are ready to move into Senior Subjects in Year 11. If you have elected to study Essential English and Essential Maths you will be completing the Short Course Literacy and Short Course Numeracy in Semester One. Successful completion of these gives you the required Literacy and Numeracy tick for your QCE, and 1 QCE point for each course. You also have had the opportunity to select a Certificate II course which, on successful completion gives you 4 QCE points and a subject that contributes to CORE. We have listed below some of the key events and programs for next year. Further information regarding work experience is also included.

**Information Evening** – This evening is incredibly important as it is about unpacking Senior for you and your parents. We discuss; QCE attainment, SET planning, subject options, career education, work experience, School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

**Career Education** - As part of your PDP program in Year 10 you will complete the QCAA Career Education Program. This program gives you 1 point towards your QCE.


- **Work experience** – As part of the Career Education Program you are required to attend work experience. This is a great opportunity to gain some experience and see what the jobs you are interested in are like. There is more information about this included in this pack.
- **SET Plan** – A **Senior Education and Training Plan** is a Government mandated meeting between the school, your parents and you. In this meeting, we will discuss your career goals and aspirations and put steps in place to support you achieving them.


**Prerequisites Subjects** – During the SET plan meeting you will decide on Semester 2 subjects. These subjects are designed to give you a taste of the requirements in Year 11 and 12 to ensure you pick the subjects best suited for you.

**School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships (SAT)** – As a Senior student you can gain qualifications through a SAT. This would allow you to work one day per week (Wednesday) in the local community. If you are interested in a gaining a SAT, work experience is a great way to prove yourself to local businesses what you can do.

Over the next three years, you are going to face a variety of challenges and be required to make important decisions. School staff are here to support you through these challenges and decisions. We look forward to working with you and your parents to ensure you graduate from Toogoolawah SHS with the skills and knowledge that will assist you in achieving your pathway goals.

Yours sincerely

  
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